

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUN 14 2004

OFFICIAL OFFICIAL

CARDINAL LAW GROUP

1603 Orrington Avenue/Suite 2000
Evanston, Illinois 60201
Telephone 847 - 905 - 7111
Facsimile 847 - 905 - 7113

Date: JUNE 14, 2004

To: EXAMINER SHEFALI D. PATEL
U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Fax #: (703) 872-9314

From: DARRIN WESLEY HARRIS
Phone #: (847) 905-7111

Client/Matter No.: PHF 99,548 (7790/275)

of Pages: 13
(including cover sheet)

IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS RECEIVING THIS MESSAGE, PLEASE CALL 847/905-7111, Ext. 112 AND ASK FOR JENNIFER CRUZ.

THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED ONLY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY TO WHICH IT IS ADDRESSED. IT MAY CONTAIN PRIVILEGED, CONFIDENTIAL, ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT, OR TRADE SECRET INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER APPLICABLE LAWS. IF YOU ARE NOT THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, OR AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERING THE MESSAGE TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY DISSEMINATION, DISTRIBUTION, OR COPYING OF THIS MESSAGE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS MESSAGE IN ERROR, PLEASE NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY BY TELEPHONE AND RETURN THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE (AND ALL COPIES) TO US BY MAIL AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS. WE WILL REIMBURSE YOU FOR POSTAGE.

PTO/SB/21 (12-07), Approved for use through 09-30-2003. OMB No. 2001-0201. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paper Reduction Act of 1995, no person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

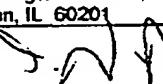
TRANSMITTAL FORM		Attorney Docket No.	PHF 99,548 (7790/275)
(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)		Application Number	09/587,394
		Filing Date	JUNE 5, 2000
		First Named Inventor	RAOUL FLORENT
		Group Art Unit	2621
		Examiner	PATEL, SHEFALI D.

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Response to a Non-Final Office Action Dated March 11, 2004 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for Extension of Time Request (duplic) <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, art <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application) <input type="checkbox"/> Drawings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Petition Routing Slip (PTO/SB/69) and Accompanying Petition <input type="checkbox"/> To Convert a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Request of Refund 	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Post Card Receipt	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Enclosure(s) (please identify below):	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1713. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(e) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 50-1713. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.			

CALCULATION OF FEE

	Claims After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity
Total		Minus		0	Rate	Rate
Indep.		Minus		0	x \$9=	x \$18=
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					x \$43	x \$86
					+\$145	+\$290=
					total add'l fee	total add'l fee
					\$ 0	\$

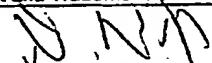
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name	DARRIN WESLEY HARRIS Registration No. 40,636 CARDINAL LAW GROUP 1603 Orrington Avenue, Suite 2000 Evanston, IL 60201		
Signature			Date: June 14, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to (703) 872-9314 to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on this date:

June 14, 2004

Signature		Date: June 14, 2004
DARRIN WESLEY HARRIS (40,636)		

Jun 14 04 10:52P

Darrin Wesley Harris

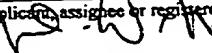
(317) 595-0993

P.3

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUN 14 2004

Certificate of Facsimile
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being
transmitted by facsimile to (703) 872-9314 to the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office June 14, 2004
(Date of Deposit)

DARRIN WESLEY HARRIS (40,636)
Name of applicant, assignee or registered representative


Signature

June 14, 2004
Date of Signature

#180
DBH
6-14-04

PATENT
Case No. PHF 99,548
(7790/275)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)
RAOUL FLORENT)
Serial No.: 09/587,394)
Filed: JUNE 5, 2000)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD)
AND SYSTEM, AND MEDICAL)
EXAMINATION APPARATUS,)
FOR EXTRACTING A PATH)
FOLLOWING A THREADLIKE)
STRUCTURE IN AN IMAGE)
Examiner: PATEL, SHEFALI d
Group Art Unit: 2621

RESPONSE TO A NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 11, 2004

Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to a Non-Final Office Action dated March 11, 2004, please amend
the above referenced application as follows and reconsider the application in light of
the following remarks.